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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON SPANISH AMBASSADOR CANADAS

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1. SPANISH AMBASSADOR GABRIEL CANADAS BOUVILAS WAS BORN ON MARCH 12, 1923, AND ENTERED THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE IN 1952. HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE SPANISH EMBASSY IN ANKARA IN 1956 AND SERVED IN AMMAN IN 1958. IN 1961 HE WAS ASSIGNED AS DIRECTOR OF THE TECHNICAL CABINET OF THE THEN SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER CASTIELLA. CANADAS, UPON LEAVING THE JOB RECOMMENDED THE CURRENT SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER MARCELINO OREJA TO REPLACE HIM. CANADAS ALLEGEDLY GAVE FORMIN OREJA USEFUL ASSISTANCE DURING THE LATTER'S FIRST YEAR AS DIRECTOR OF THE TECHNICAL CABINET. CANADAS WAS ASSIGNED AS TECHNICAL SECRETARY GENERAL FOR THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION IN TOURISM, WHEN THE CONTROVERSIAL CONSERVATIVE POLITICAL FIGURE, ALIANZA POPULAR LEADER MANUEL FRAGA IRIBARNE WAS APPOINTED AS MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND TOURISM IN 1962. CANADAS RETURNED TO THE MFA IN 1965. HE REPRESENTED SPAIN IN VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND FREQUENTLY PARTICIPATED AS A DELEGATE TO UNGA SESSIONS. IN 1968 HE WAS ASSIGNED AS PERMANENT ASSISTANT SPANISH DELEGATE TO THE UN. IN 1970 HE WAS

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ASSIGNED TO TUNIS. HE LATER SERVED AS UNDERSECRETARY OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND TOURISM (POST CURRENT FORMIN OREJA HAS ALSO HELD) IN THE FIRST POST FRANCO GOVERNMENT JANUARY JULY 1976. THE EMBASSY HAS HAD SOME CONTACT WITH AMBASSADOR CANADAS. IN JULY 1976 THE MINISTER COUNSELOR OF EMBASSY VISITED WITH HIM. AMBASSADOR CANADAS GAVE THE IMPRESSION OF BEING A MAN WITH A FORCEFUL, PROBABLY AUTO-

CRATIC, PERSONALITY WHO WOULD BEAR INCOMPETENCE BADLY.
HE SHOWED A QUICK THRUSTING INTELLIGENCE AND A HIGH DEGREE
OF SELF CONFIDENCE. DESPITE THE EARLY ASSOCIATION WITH FRAGA,
CNADAS POLITICAL LEANINGS HAVE BEEN OF THE "TACITO"
CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PERSUASION, HIS ASSIGNMENT TO ANKARA
INDICATES HE HAS GOTTEN OUT OF THE POLITICS FOR THE
TIME BEING.EATON

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